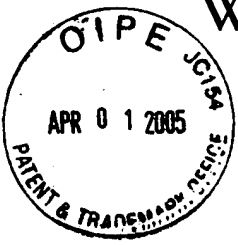


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☐ Enter the Amendment under 37 CFR § 1.116, previously filed on .

☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27.

B. Enclosed

☒ An Amendment "G" and Response for entry in the present application.

☒ To render this RCE timely filed, enclosed is a Petition for three (3)-Month Extension of Time.

☒ A Certificate of Mailing by "Express Mail" certifying a filing date for the enclosed application by use of Express Mail Label No. EV661144945US.

☐ A Request for Nonpublication of Application.

☐ An Associate Power of Attorney.

C. Payments

☒ Form PTO-2038 submitting payment in the amount of \$1,810.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees:

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☒ the \$1,020.00 petition fee for the three (3)-month extension of time.

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X A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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